

<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." <sup>29</sup> But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup> He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

**Luke 1:26-33**

***Ministers of Providence Presbyterian Church***  
**The People of Providence Presbyterian Church**

*Pastor*  
Rev. Jim Davis

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*Session*

<i>Long Range Planning</i>	<u><i>Class of 2014</i></u>	<i>Fellowship</i>
Nathan Dry	<i>Congregational Care</i>	Gary Phillips
	Wayne Lamm	

<i>Finance</i>	<u><i>Class of 2015</i></u>	<i>Christian Ed. Youth</i>
Kristy Stephenson	<i>Mission/Outreach</i>	Jeffrey Wood
	Margie Taylor	

<i>Christian Ed. Children</i>	<u><i>Class of 2016</i></u>	<i>Worship/Clerk</i>	<i>Property</i>
Beth Breedon	<i>Personnel</i>	David Nelms	Steve Nordan
	Pete Booth		

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*Staff*

<i>Accounting Treasurer</i>	<i>Collections Treasurer</i>
Ann Stephenson	Ann Benson

<i>Music Director/Organist</i>	<i>Pianist</i>
Brittany Jones	DeEtta Wood

<i>Website</i>	<i>Usher Coordinator</i>
David Nelms	Russell Wood

	<i>Secretary Group</i>	
Mary Ann Booth	Donna Stolle	Heather White

	<i>Copy Group</i>	
LaVette Morgan	Ann Stephenson	Mary Ann Booth
	Margie Taylor	

**Honoring our history.....building our future**

***Weekly Statistics***

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General Fund Receipts for November .....	\$17,203.76
General Fund Expenses for November .....	\$17,114.59
Total Receipts for December .....	\$11,586.10
*Receipts for December 7 .....	\$3,670.00
Capital Campaign Receipts for December 7 .....	\$965.00
Capital Campaign Giving (thru Dec. 7) .....	\$535,212.13
Funds Expended thru Capital Campaign (Thru Oct.) .....	\$1,278,094.69
Capital Campaign Reserve Account .....	\$165,588.66
Current Loan Balance .....	\$910,624.46
Attendance for Sunday School November 30.....	86
Attendance for Worship November 30.....	141

*\*Does not include Capital Campaign Giving*

**Church Office Holiday Schedule** – The church office will be closed December 29 through January 1.

**Message from Finance Officer**

To ensure we are in compliance with IRS guidelines for tax exempt organizations, Session has adopted a Guidelines for Giving and Fundraising document. The document may be found on the church's website; additionally, copies are available in the Narthex.

**Year End Finance Reminders:**

- Contributions eligible for 2014 tax deductions must be receive/postmarked by December 31, 2014
- Stewardship cards for 2015 General and Capital Campaign giving should be turned in to Ann Benson. Cards are available in the Narthex.
- As we approach the end of the third year of the Capital Campaign, we have collect 65% of total pledged monies.

**Prayer List --** As has always been a part of worship at Providence, we ask for people or situations to be lifted up during the pastoral prayer. This will continue. If, however, you want their name placed on the prayer list printed in the bulletin, please contact Mary Ann Booth (maboorth1@gmail.com or 919-275-456). Also, when you ask to take someone off the list, let Mary Ann know. When a secretary is in place in the new facility, this will be the procedure we will follow, using the secretary as the point of contact.

**Advent Schedule**

**Christmas Eve Communion and Candlelight Services**

Wednesday, December 24

5:00 PM

10:00 PM

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**The Joy Gift offering** will be collected today. A gift to the Christmas Joy Offering helps provide financial assistance to current and former church workers and their families and also enables deserving students to attend Presbyterian-related racial ethnic colleges and schools. Please consider giving to this offering.

**SERVICE SCHEDULE**

**Assisting in Worship this Sunday:**

**Elder of the Month/Greeter:** Wayne Lamm

**Ushers:** Beth Pickens and Carolyn Stephenson

**Acolyte:** Mary Elaine Wood

**Nursery:** Eric and Lori Smith

**Children's Church Teacher:** Heather Ennis

**Children's Church Helper:** Julie Marley

**Kids Krusade Teacher:** Stephanie Bagley

**Assisting in Worship next Sunday, December 28**

**Elder of the Month/Greeter:** Wayne Lamm

**Ushers:** Pat Davis and Elaine Wood

**Acolyte:** Graycen Murray

**Nursery:** Richard and Andrea Jones

**Children's Church Teacher:** Heather Ennis

**Children's Church Helper:** Christy Cross

**Kids Krusade Teacher:** Stephanie Bagley

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

**Today at Providence:**

**9:45 am:** Sunday School for Children and Youth

**10:25 am:** Fellowship Time

**11:00 am:** Worship Service

**Weekly Events:**

**December 23.** Newsletter Submissions Deadline

**December 24.** Christmas Eve Communion and Candlelight Services at 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER LIST OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

**JOYS:** We give thanks for the willing hearts and hands of the volunteers among our congregation whose service enables our ministries; cares for the sick, the poor, and elderly; and enriches our spirit.

#### **CONCERNS:**

**Carol Frickman**, UNC Cancer Center, leukemia, *sister-in-law of Todd Frickman*

#### **Members of the Providence Family in Long-Term Care:**

**Brack Johnson** at *Classic Care Assisted Living in Smithfield*, **Lacy and Marilyn Johnson** at *Barbour Court Nursing in Smithfield*, **Pauline Jones**, at *Liberty Commons in Benson*, **Grant Joyner**, **Bobbie Langdon**, and **Frances Schmidt** at home.

#### **Persons Living with Cancer, including:**

**Vicky Austin**, community, **Sherry Baker**, friend of *Laura Langdon*, **Cheryl Beckham**, friend of *Laura McLamb*, **Jerry Benson**, *Randy Benson's* cousin, **Nancy Biernacki**, friend of *Bob Zattiero*, **Patsy Bowman**, member of church family, **Edith Bowser**, friend of *Bob Zattiero*, **Mickey Carroll**, cousin of *Kelly Nordan*, **Richard Davis**, friend of *Elaine Wood*, **Ann Hargis**, member of community, **P.B. Jernigan**, relative of *Sheila Dupree*, **Joey Johnson**, friend of *Randy Benson*, **Paula Johnson**, friend of *Dave and Edythe Natrass*, **Luke Jordan**, friend of *Christina Jones*, **Keith Langdon**, member of church family, **Carol Mayben**, *Sandy Kopanski's* sister-in-law, **Stacy Meadows**, friend of *Beth Wolak*, **Jackie Parker**, friend of *Amy Dupree*, **Jennifer Pearce**, friend of *Janice Parrish*, **Ben Snelling**, friend of *John Kopanski*, **Randy Stephenson**, *Jon Nooney's* cousin, **Chad Talley**, friend of *John Pickens*, **Karen Tew**, friend of *DeEtta Wood*, **Wayne Toler**, *Dorothy Nesselrodt's* brother-in-law, **Tammy Vann**, friend of *Sandy Kopanski*, **Cory Watt**, friend of *Jeff Wood*, **Kenneth Weathers**, brother-in-law of *Wendy Stephenson*, **Orene Wilburn**, *Becky Kleaver's* sister-in-law, **DeEtta Wood**, member of church family, and **Hannah Youngblood**, friend of *Kristy Stephenson*

#### **Persons with Ongoing Health Concerns, including:**

**Levon and Nancy Allen**, *Sheila Dupree's* parents, **Mary Bass**, *Rev. Davis's* mother, **Velma and Ray Bost**, grandparents of *Heath White*, **Charlie & Mary Burke**, *Steve Wolak's* parents, **Lynn Cross**, member of church family, **Skylar Duquette**, *Wendy Stephenson's* great niece, **Ed Fontana**, *Mary Langdon's* father, **Fred Ipock**, *Cathy Creech's* father, **Melinda Kendall**, member of church family, **Norbert Kopanski**, *John Kopanski's* father, **Stuart Kremer**, friend of *Andrea Jones*, **Phil Langdon**, *Mel Langdon's* brother, **Vic LaSaxon**, *Chris Nooney's* brother-in-law, **Wanza Mayben**, *Sandy Kopanski's* mother, **Sue Nicholson**, *Chris Nooney's* sister, **Jon Nooney**, member of church family, **Chellie Poston**, former member, **Kathy Rose**, friend of *Kim Schmidt*, **Kathy Ryals**, community, **Donald Salmon**, *Wendy Stephenson's* brother-in-law, **Gwen Walton**, member of church family, and **John Wright**, *Chris Nooney's* father

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Services** – Two communion services will be offered on Wednesday, December 24. . Please join us at 5 PM or 10 PM to worship.

**Newsletter Deadline** – The deadline for submissions to the January Newsletter is December 23. If you have an announcement you want included, please send to Dave Nelms at dnelms44@gmail.com.

**Service Project** - Mary Elaine Wood is working on a Confirmation Service Project that includes interviews of church members. If you would like to be interviewed, please contact Beth Breeden at 919-624-1633 by January 1<sup>st</sup> to arrange a time.

**Youth Retreats – Summer of 2015** – Any youth interested in attending the youth retreats this summer should have their deposit paid by January 11, 2015.

- **Middle School** – youth who have completed 6<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grades will go to Massanetta Springs July 9 – 12. The non-refundable deposit is \$50 and due Sunday, January 11, 2015.
- **High School** – youth who have completed 9<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grades will go to Fun in the Sun, Hilton Head, SC July 13 – 18. The non-refundable deposit is \$100 and due by January 11, 2015.

**Youth Mission Trip - June 14 – 20, 2015** – Middle or High School youth interested in participating in the mission trip this summer need to submit their \$89 deposit by January 11, 2015.

**Church Secretary** - Providence Presbyterian Church is seeking a Christian individual to serve as part-time secretary. In addition to the responsibilities in the Job Description shown on our the website, this individual will need to have good people skills and feel comfortable dealing with both church members and the general public. A working knowledge of Microsoft Word is required, and familiarity with Microsoft Excel would be a plus. Apply at [www.providencepresb.org](http://www.providencepresb.org) and click on the Employment tab. Position closes January 31, 2015.

**January Senior Luncheon** will be Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2015 at Johnson Memorial Church 8280 NC Hwy 50 N. at 12 noon. Please make your reservations with Kay Dry ([kaydry@embarqmail.com](mailto:kaydry@embarqmail.com) or 919-639-9784) by Wednesday, January 7th so the number in attendance can be reported to Johnson Memorial. The Senior Luncheons will meet each month of 2015 except July and October. Looking forward to another fun year of Senior Citizens' luncheons!

# POINSETTIAS FOR ADVENT

*December 21, 2014*

*Given by Liz Annis and Alisha, Paul and Brian Gillespy*

**In Memory of** Robert W. Gillespy

*Given by Randy, Ann and Austin Benson*

**In Honor of** George Coates

**In Memory of** Shelton Benson, Kathleen Benson, and Helen Coates

*Given by Pete and MaryAnn Booth*

**In Honor of** Steve Nordan and Kristy Stephenson

*Given by Shepherd and Brenda Byrd, Kim, Willie, Michelle, Mark, and Maddox*

**In Memory of** Shepherd and Florence Byrd, Sr.

*Given by Nathan and Kay Dry*

**In Honor of** Nancy and Tom Nelms

**In Memory of** Jesse and Doris Dry; Cloniger and Vera Young

*Given by Andy and Sheila Dupree*

**In Memory of** Allen Dupree and Brian Allen

*Given by Don and Brenda Dupree*

**In honor of** Amy and Connor Dupree; Donna and David Murphy

**In Memory of** Leon and Vearl Stephenson; Alfred and Agnes Dupree

*Given by Joe and Gloria Dupree*

**In Memory of** Ruth Dupree Lassiter

*Given by Wayne, Heather, Chance & Mady Ennis*

**In Honor of** Berlene Ennis

**In Memory of** Earl Ennis; Mary Etta and James Hartley; Loretta and Manly McGee; & Ruby and Ernest Ennis

*Given by Ron and Tammy Horton*

**In Honor of** DeEtta Wood and Family

*Given by Wade and Carolyn Johnson*

**In Honor of** Virginia Moore

**In Memory of** Mary Johnson; Luman Moore; & John and Mandy Moore

*Given by Becky Kleaver*

**In memory of** William Kleaver

*Given by Joan S. Littleton*

**In Memory of** William C. and Allene E. Stuart

*Given by Beck and Laura McLamb*

**In Honor of** Gerald and Ellen Sutton

**In Memory of** Hampton and Charlotte McLamb

*Given by LaVette C. Morgan*

**In Memory of** John Cooke; Robert Morgan; & Owen and Lourae Cooke

*Given by David and Lisa Nelms*

**In Honor of** Our Parents; Ryan and Allison Nelms; & Eric, Christina and Dylan Jones

**In Memory of** Brenda Davis and Our Grandparents

*Given by Mark, Pam, and Kendall Nelms*

**In Honor of** Tom and Nancy Nelms

**In Memory of** Buddy and Nannie Ruth Kendall

*Given by Tom and Nancy Nelms*

**In Memory of** Annie and Valmond King; Hattie Buffaloe; & Euna and Ellis Nelms

*Given by Ryan and Allison Nelms*

**In Honor of** Randy and Pam Parrish; David and Lisa Nelms

**In Memory of** Papa; Papa Jake; & Granny King

*Given by Dorothy Nessselrodt*

**In Honor of** my family

**In Memory of** Rev. Julian D. Nesselrodt

*Given by Frank and Betsy Olive*

**In Memory of** Mr. and Mrs. David C. Stephenson and Miss Nannie Coates

*Given by Janice Parrish*

**In Honor of** the Adult Choir

*Given by Gary and Georgeanna Phillips and Family*

**In Memory of** Dr. William L. Ellis; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Phillips and Janice Phillips; and D. J. Johnson

*Given by John and Beth Pickens*

**In Honor of** our children, Jane and Stewart

**In Memory of** our family's loved ones

*Given by Bob and Nadine Reed*

**In Honor of** Ray Manuel

**In Memory of** Gladys Manuel; Ed A. Harvey; Mr. & Mrs. Loyd Reed; Mr. & Mrs. W.L. Reed; Mr. & Mrs. John Dempsey; Les Healey; Billy Reed; Micky Reed; and Janet Reed

*Given by Ann K. Stephenson*

**In Memory of** W. Paul Stephenson, Jr.; Valmond & Annie King

*Given by Sam and Wendy Stephenson*

**In Honor of** Ann Stephenson; Marilyn and Lacy Johnson; and Chellie Poston

**In Memory of** Alice N. and J.C. McLeod; Paul Stephenson; and Jean Stephenson

*Given by Carolyn J. Stevenson*

**In Honor of** Diana, Sharon and Families

**In Memory of** Lois and Chris Johnson

*Given by Ashton and Adam Stuart*

**In Honor of** our Grandparents

*Given by the Stuart Family*

**In Memory of** Patrice Rassmussen

*Given by Rick and Margie Taylor*

**In Memory of** Eva Lee Taylor; Norma Grey Sauls Parson; Bernard Clifton Parson; and Paul Andrew Taylor

*Given by Rosyval and Barbara Walton*

**In Honor of** Kent, Gwen, Courtney and Abbey Walton

**In Memory of** Palmon and Alice Stephenson; Eugene and Vera Stephenson

*Given by Steve and Beth Wolak*

**In Honor of** all military veterans, all active military; and all military families

Poinsettias for Advent

December 21, 2014